

CLAIMS

1. A system for composing audio-visual presentations over a communications network comprising:

a composer system including a computer processor and associated memory and a telephone device, said composer system having a presentation containing at least one visual slide stored in said memory; and

a host system including a computer processor and associated memory;

wherein said composer system:

A. establishes a connection between said computer processor and said host system over a communications network and uploads said presentation to said host system over said communications network; and

B. establishes a connection between said telephone device and said host system and records an audio narration clip for each of said at least one visual slide; and

wherein said host system synchronizes each audio narration clip with its associated visual slide and stores the resulting audio-visual presentation in said memory of said host system.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein said host system includes an interactive voice response system which is connectable to said telephone device of said composer system and which processes said audio narration clips.

3. The system of claim 2 wherein said interactive voice response system is responsive to inputs provided by the composer system through a keypad of the telephone device.

4. The system of claim 1 wherein said at least one visual slide is in the form of one of a Powerpoint® slide, a Visio® graphic, a Word® document, an Excel® document, and an Adobe® PDF file.

5. The system of claim 1 wherein said communications network is the internet.

6. The system of claim 1 wherein said communications network is an intranet.

7. The system of claim 1 wherein said host system includes at least one graphical user interface which is transmitted to said composer system for enabling said composer system to compose said audio-visual presentation.

8. The system of claim 7 wherein one of said at least one graphical user interfaces includes a slide upload page including a text box for enabling the composer system to enter the name of the presentation containing at least one visual slide which is to be uploaded to said host system.

9. The system of claim 7 wherein one of said at least one graphical user interfaces includes an audio recording page for enabling the composer system to record said audio narration clips, including a current slide window for displaying the slide for which an audio narration clip is being recorded and a recording navigation window, including a list of functions associated with the keys on a keypad of said telephone device.

10. The system of claim 9 wherein said audio recording page further includes a contents window for displaying a title of each visual slide of a selected presentation.

11. The system of claim 7 wherein one of said at least one graphical user interfaces includes an edit page for enabling the composer system to perform edit functions within a presentation, said edit page including a contents window for displaying a title of each visual slide of a selected presentation and a slide preview window for displaying a slide which has been selected in said contents window for editing.

12. The system of claim 7 wherein one of said at least one graphical user interfaces includes a merge page for enabling said composer system to edit a presentation by copying at least one of visual slides and audio narration clips from a source presentation to a destination presentation, said merge page including a source presentation contents window for displaying a title of each visual slide of a source presentation and a destination presentation contents window for displaying a title of each visual slide of a destination presentation.

13. The system of claim 12 wherein said merge page further includes a source slide preview window for displaying a selected slide of said source presentation.

14. The system of claim 13 wherein said merge page further includes a destination slide preview window for displaying a selected slide of said destination presentation.

15. The system of claim 1 further comprising at least one viewer system, each including a computer processor and associated memory, wherein said viewer system is connectable to said host system over said communications network for receiving a presentation stored on said host system for viewing.

16. The system of claim 15 wherein, upon connecting to said host system over said communications network, said viewer system is able to view a presentation stored on said host system as the presentation is received by said viewer system.

17. The system of claim 15 wherein, upon connecting to said host system over said communications network, said viewer system is able to download a presentation from said host system for viewing after said connection has been terminated.

18. The system of claim 15 wherein said host system includes a tracking component which records information about said presentations, including at least one of

the identity of the composer system that composed a particular presentation, the identity of each viewer system that downloads the particular presentation, the time at which the particular presentation was viewed, and how many slides of said particular presentation were viewed.

19. The system of claim 15 wherein said audio narration clips are played through said computer processor of said viewer system.

20. The system of claim 15 wherein said viewer system further comprises a telephone device which is connectable to said host system and said audio narration clips are played through said telephone synchronous with its associated visual slide.

21. The system of claim 15 wherein said host system includes a security component for controlling access to said presentations by said at least one viewer system.

22. The system of claim 21 wherein said security component requires that said viewer system provide an assigned identification index before accessing said presentations.

23. The system of claim 22 wherein said identification index provides said viewer system with access to less than all of the presentations stored on said host system.

24. The system of claim 18 wherein said host system includes a report component which generates reports from said presentation information obtained by said tracking component.

25. The system of claim 11 wherein said edit function includes rearranging slides, renaming slides, deleting slides and uploading new slides.

26. The system of claim 18 wherein said host system generates a viewing receipt which includes said presentation information recorded by said tracking component,

wherein said viewing receipt is transmitted to said composer system when a presentation composed by said composer system is viewed by said viewer system.

27. The system of claim 2 wherein said interactive voice response system includes a speech recognition component which is responsive to verbal inputs provided by the composer system through a transmitter of the telephone device.

28. A method of composing an audio-visual presentation comprising:

- A. establishing a connection between a computer of a composer system and a host system over a communications network;
- B. uploading at least one visual slide from said composer system to said host system;
- C. establishing a connection between a telephone device of said composer system and said host system;
- D. recording an audio narration clip for each of said at least one visual slides using said telephone device;
- E. synchronizing each audio narration clip with its associated visual slide; and
- F. storing the resulting audio-visual presentation in a memory of said host system.

29. The method of claim 28 wherein step D comprises processing said audio narration clips with an interactive voice response system which is connectable to said telephone device of said composer system.

30. The method of claim 29 wherein said interactive voice response system is responsive to inputs provided by the composer system through a keypad of the telephone device.

31. The method of claim 29 wherein said interactive voice response system includes a speech recognition component which is responsive to verbal inputs provided by the composer system through a transmitter of the telephone device.

32. The method of claim 28 wherein said at least one visual slide is in the form of one of a Powerpoint® slide, a Visio® graphic, a Word® document, an Excel® document, and an Adobe® PDF file.

33. The method of claim 28 wherein said communications network is the internet.

34. The method of claim 28 wherein said communications network is an intranet.

35. The method of claim 28 further comprising transmitting at least one graphical user interface from said host system to said composer system for enabling said composer system to compose said audio-visual presentation.

36. The method of claim 35 wherein one of said at least one graphical user interfaces includes a slide upload page including a text box for enabling the composer system to enter the name of the presentation containing at least one visual slide which is to be uploaded to said host system.

37. The method of claim 35 wherein one of said at least one graphical user interfaces includes an audio recording page for enabling the composer system to record said audio narration clips, including a current slide window for displaying the slide for which an audio narration clip is being recorded and a recording navigation window, including a list of functions associated with the keys on a keypad of said telephone device.

38. The method of claim 37 wherein said audio recording page further includes a contents window for displaying a title of each visual slide of a selected presentation.

39. The method of claim 35 wherein one of said at least one graphical user interfaces includes an edit page for enabling the composer system to perform edit functions within a presentation, said edit page including a contents window for displaying a title of each visual slide of a selected presentation and a slide preview window for displaying a slide which has been selected in said contents window for editing.

40. The method of claim 35 wherein one of said at least one graphical user interfaces includes a merge page for enabling said composer system to edit a presentation by copying at least one of visual slides and audio narration clips from a source presentation to a destination presentation, said merge page including a source presentation contents window for displaying a title of each visual slide of a source presentation and a destination presentation contents window for displaying a title of each visual slide of a destination presentation.

41. The method of claim 40 wherein said merge page further includes a source slide preview window for displaying a selected slide of said source presentation.

42. The method of claim 41 wherein said merge page further includes a destination slide preview window for displaying a selected slide of said destination presentation.

43. The method of claim 28 further comprising:

- G. establishing a connection between a viewer system and said host system;
- and
- H. receiving a presentation stored on said host system for viewing; and
- I. viewing said presentation.

44. The method of claim 43 wherein step I includes viewing said presentation as the presentation is received by said viewer system.

45. The method of claim 43 wherein step I includes viewing said presentation after said connection has been terminated.

46. The method of claim 43 further including said host system recording information about said presentations, including at least one of the identity of the composer system that composed a particular presentation, the identity of each viewer system that downloads the particular presentation, the time at which the particular presentation was viewed, and how many slides of said particular presentation were viewed.

47. The method of claim 43 wherein step I includes playing said audio narration clips through a computer processor of said viewer system.

48. The method of claim 43 wherein step I includes playing said audio narration clips through a telephone device which is connectable to said host system.

49. The method of claim 43 further comprising said host system controlling access to said presentations by said at least one viewer system.

50. The method of claim 49 wherein said security component requires that said viewer system provide an assigned identification index before accessing said presentations.

51. The method of claim 50 wherein said identification index provides said viewer system with access to less than all of the presentations stored on said host system.

52. The method of claim 46 further comprising said host system generating reports from said recorded presentation information.

53. The method of claim 39 wherein said edit functions include rearranging slides, renaming slides, deleting slides and uploading new slides.

54. The system of claim 46 further comprising said host system generating a viewing receipt which includes said recorded presentation; and
transmitting said viewing receipt to said composer system when a presentation composed by said composer system is viewed by said viewer system.

55. A system for composing audio-visual presentations over a communications network comprising:
a composer system including a telephone device; and
a host system including a computer processor and associated memory, said host system having at least one visual slide stored in said memory;
wherein said composer system establishes a connection between said telephone device and said host system and records an audio narration clip for each of said at least one visual slides; and
wherein said host system synchronizes each audio narration clip with its associated visual slide and stores the resulting audio-visual presentation in said memory of said host system.